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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Douglas J. LaCount et al. Examiner: Gerald Leffers  
Serial No.: 09/870407 Group Art Unit: 1636  
Filed: May 30, 2001 Docket No: 875.030US1  
Title: METHOD OF RAPIDLY GENERATING DOUBLE-STRANDED RNA AND  
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.  
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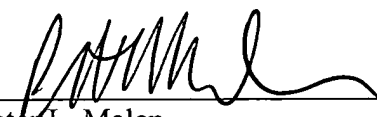
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